

2005 Report of Accomplishments (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)

Grays Harbor Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 - Summary

Working with NRCS, garnered an additional 2 million dollars for WRP Special Emphasis Area for Chehalis River area

Provided \$54,264.00 in cost share through the Water Quality Implementation Grant to dairy and cranberry producers to install practices to protect water quality and water quantity

Provided \$17,800.00 in cost share funds through the Dairy Waste Technical Assistance/Cost Share Grant to dairy producers to install practices needed for certification and practices to protect water quality and water quantity

Three NRCS EQIP contracts totaling \$492,617.00 for 414.5 acres to install practices to protect water quality and quantity

Mission of the Grays Harbor Conservation District

- *To protect, preserve, and enhance the many natural resources in our District; to protect and preserve our agricultural land base and community; and to promote the implementation of environmental practices proven to meet these goals.*

Most Significant Natural Resource Accomplishment

- *Additional dollars for Chehalis River WRP Special Emphasis Area through NRCS*
- *Three EQIP contracts totaling \$492,617.00 for 414.5 acres through NRCS*
- *Completion of 19 acre riparian buffer/easement planting with USF&W*
- *Providing a total of \$72,064.00 in cost share through two grant programs to protect and preserve water quality in Grays Harbor*

Water Quality Implementation

- *Provided \$38,159.00 in cost share funds to four cranberry producers. Practices installed include:*



Irrigation system – NRCS code 442

Cribbing and covers – NRCS code 554

- *Provided \$16,105.00 in cost share funds to five dairy producers. Practices installed include:*
 - Roof runoff management – NRCS code 558*
 - Waste transfer – NRCS code 358*
- *Conducted soil tests for dairy producers*

Basic Funding

- *This funding is used to maintain basic District operations that are not covered by grant sources. This includes bulk of salary for office manager*

Professional Engineering

- *Stabilization and re-channeling project on Wildcat Creek was completed*
- *Solid set sprinkler system (NRCS practice code 422) for Grayland cranberry producer was completed as designed*
- *Upgraded irrigation system (NRCS practice code 442) and ditch cribbing and covering (NRCS practice code 554) was completed as designed*
- *Buried mainline project (NRCS practice codes 430DD and 358) for dairy producer was installed as designed*



Wildcat Creek 8/04



Wildcat Creek 9/04

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Continued our cooperative with the Lewis County Conservation District for a multi-District CREP program sharing one technician thereby strengthening both of our CREP programs and allowing for the continued services of our experienced, qualified CREP technician
- Continued to provide technical assistance and project review for maintenance purposes to previously installed projects. \$8,726.57 was paid to cooperators in maintenance funding.
- Continued to meet with cooperators in search of new CREP contracts

GHCD/LCCD CREP Technician – Nikki Wilson



Livestock or Livestock/Dairy

- Provided \$17,800.00 in cost share funds to three dairy producers. Practices installed include:
Waste transfer – NRCS code 358
- Provide technical assistance to all dairy producers

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- Fulfilled our obligation under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agreement for riparian buffer on 19 acre easement on Chehalis River. Project included site prep, hygrotiling, planting of 7,956 deciduous and conifer trees, and installation of solid wall tree protectors

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- GHCD continued Inter-District Agreements with Lewis and Thurston Conservation Districts:
Lewis CCD – CREP grant
Lewis CCD – Fish Passage Barrier/Culvert Analysis Grant
Lewis CCD – Cluster Engineering Grant
Thurston CD – Dairy Technician
 - GHCD continued its Inter-District Agreement with Mason CD for the Fish Passage Barrier/Culvert Analysis Grant. GHCD continued to house Mason CD crew members conducting the survey
 - GHCD continued its involvement in the Chehalis Basin Conservation District Alliance 319 grant program
 - GHCD sponsored one school to State Envirothon
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Washington Conservation Districts assisting
land managers with their conservation choices